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SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Specific complaints have been made on the floor of the House, particularly about the villages in Venkatagiri where the forests are so close that any cattle straying away from the village will be liable for being kept in a pound. It was suggested that there should be some provision to leave a portion of the forest near the village for common use. Have the Government taken any steps to see that such reservation is made? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The supplementary question does not arise, Sir."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, by a recent order, the Government have closed some of the forest areas for goat-browsing. Some representations were made on this issue. Have the Government taken any action to open those areas for sheep-browsing? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, you mean the difficulties of the shepherds. That question also does not arise out of this, but I may say that we are looking into the matter."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" In view of the fact that the contractors in various coupes are increasing the scheduled rates of grazing, etc., without any limit and making it difficult for the peasants, will the Government do away with the contractors and entrust the administration of the forest coupes to the department itself? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, regarding the question of grazing fees, we are looking into the matter of having uniform rates."

*Loans to village artisans in Rayachoti taluk.*

* 939 *Q.*—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications the Government have received for grant of loans under the loan granting scheme for village artisans from Rayachoti taluk in 1952; and

(*b*) how many have been sanctioned and how many have been rejected?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) 31 applications have been received for loans on personal security, not exceeding Rs. 100 each.

" (*b*) None."

SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government consider that it is essential now to grant the loans? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The fact is that there have been some discrepancies in the applications and the artisans themselves could not give the proper information. So, a special supervisor has been deputed to look into this matter. To be frank, I may mention here, Sir,

that I have not been quite satisfied with this delay and I have asked the Director of Industries and Commerce to personally look into the matter and dispose of the applications without any more delay."

* 940 Q.—

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" This question may be taken up to-morrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

*Pincha Project in Rayachoti taluk.*

* 941 Q.—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the investigation of the Pincha Project near Mudumpadu village in Rayachoti taluk of Cuddapah district has been completed; and

(b) if so, when the Government will take up its construction?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes, the plans and estimate are being scrutinised by the Public Works Department in consultation with the Revenue Department.

" (b) The Government will take up its construction when the financial position has eased provided the scheme as finally drawn up is feasible and sound."

*Staff attached to Panchayat Officers.*

* 942 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) what is the staff sanctioned to each Panchayat Officer;

(b) whether the Government have received representation from the District Panchayat Officers to the effect that the staff allotted to them is inadequate to cope with the work including the auditing of the accounts of the panchayat boards under them; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) The staff allowed for each District Panchayat Officer (I grade) is not uniform and varies with the number of panchayats in the district. Two peons, 1 attender and 2 to 5 Lower Division Clerks are working under each of these District Panchayat Officers. In addition to this staff, a few Upper Division Clerks are employed under some of the District Panchayat Officers. Additional District Panchayat Officers (II grade) and Deputy Panchayat Officers have each been given, respectively a staff of 2 clerks, 1 attender and two peons, and 1 clerk and 1 peon.

" (b) & (c) No representations have been received from District Panchayat Officers in the matter, but certain proposals for the sanction of additional staff for attending to the audit of accounts of class II panchayats were received from the